



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

**STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR
CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES PATRONS
REGARDING
FAMILY CHILD CARE PROGRAM**

1. I fully understand that Family Child Care (FCC) is available from FCC homes on post and state registered FCC Homes Off Post (HOP) who have been authorized to provide childcare for the Fort Detrick community.
2. I also understand that Army certified and provisionally certified FCC providers are not Government employees acting within the scope of employment when performing childcare activities under the provisions of Army regulations. Any contract, either oral or in writing, that I make with a FCC provider is a personal matter between me and the FCC provider concerned. The Government has no obligation to settle disputes on issues regarding fees or other matters concerning the availability or quality of the childcare services provided.
3. I understand that each Army certified and provisionally certified FCC provider receives some training before being allowed to provide childcare, and that background checks are performed on each FCC provider within existing resources and capabilities. Nevertheless, I understand that the United States assumes responsibility under the Federal Tort Claims Act, or any other provision of the law, which would allow it to be sued on account of any act or omission, intentional, negligent, or otherwise, by a FCC provider that causes any injury or death to a child placed under the care of that provider.
4. I understand that the risk Management Program administered by the Commander, US Army Community and Family Support Center, has established a program to provide for the payment of certain claims arising from the activities of certified FCC providers who reside in housing located on military installations or in US Government-owned housing. Such claims are generally limited to certain negligently-caused injuries or death of children receiving care under the FCC Program. I understand that claims arising from the transportation of such children in motor vehicles and claims involving loss or damage of property are not included. Claims are processed in accordance with Army Regulation 27-20, Chapter 12.
5. The claims program does not provide for any death, injury, or other loss caused by the operation of a motor vehicle, regardless of the degree of fault, if any, on the part of the FCC provider. (Note that the FCC Program does not contemplate the use of motor vehicles in transporting children.) A FCC provider will not transport a child in a motor vehicle unless specifically authorized, in writing, by the child's parent or guardian concerned. I understand that FCC providers are required to carry vehicle liability insurance on their automobile. Parents and guardians are responsible for determining on their own, the amount and extent of a

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FCC provider's automobile insurance policy coverage, and whether or not that policy specifically covers a death or injury occurring to a child being transported by the FCC provider during the course of conducting childcare business.

Type of Print Name

Signature

Date